

PATENT APPLICATION

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My residence/post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE FOR CENTRALIZED STORAGE OF PRINCIPAL DATA the specification of which is filed herewith unless the following box is checked:

(X) was filed on October 23, 2003 as US Application Serial No. 10/693,097 and was amended on (if applicable).

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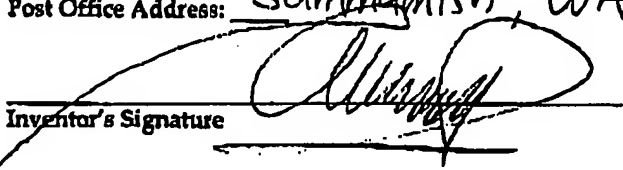
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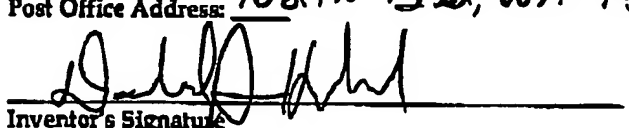
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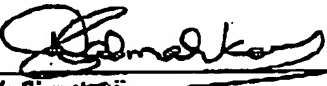
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